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In re Application of: **David A. Selby**
Application No. **09/628,398**
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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREDICTION OF MATERIALIZATION OF A GROUP RESERVATION**

GROUP 3600

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PTO suggested wording for terminal disclaimer was

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DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. This communication is in response to the amendment filed 21 July 2004. Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1-4, 7,-9, 11, 14-17, 20-22, and 24 have been amended.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 21 July 2004 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on Application Number 09/628,400 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

(A) Claim 1 currently recites that the system-wide reservation information includes "past reservation information including information unrelated to said particular perishable commodity." It is unclear to the Examiner what type of information the Applicant intends